

Manhood and Womanhood

I. Introduction

Context of Catholic Faith

Physicians

Philosophy of Person, Sex, and Gender

= Spiritual Structure

II. Contemporary understanding of Revelation of Catholic Faith (MD)

A. Man and Woman created equally in image of God as One

1. as human (soul/body composit with intellect and will)
2. as person (called to find self through gift of self)

B. Man and Woman created as community of persons in image of God

1. as union of two equal but differentiated persons
2. as community of love

C. Fall dimmed the image of God

1. disorder within the person
2. rupture in relation with God
3. rupture in relation between woman and man
4. from love to domination (man) and weakness in desires (woman)

object of
desires

D. Redemption through Jesus Christ

1. reorder to new integration in person
2. reunion with God, the Father
3. healing of relations between women and men
4. call into new community of love in marriage

E. Called to be bridegroom and bride

1. Bridegroom offers love and bride responds to love with love

2. Characteristics:

- a. total self-gift
- b. permanent covenant
- c. invitation to participate in redemption of the Son by the action of the Holy Spirit

3. Vertical kind: Christ Bridegroom, Church Bride

- a. Sacrament of Eucharist
- b. Christ Bridegroom, Religious bride
- i. Consecrated Life

c. characteristic: one way submission

4. Horizontal kind: husband bridegroom, wife bride

- a. Sacrament of Marriage
- b. "great mystery" of mutual submission
- c. first cell of the Church

F. Called to be father and mother

1. invitation to participate in creation of God the Father through the action of the Holy Spirit

2. men and women alike generate first in mind and will as personal act

3. then generate in biologically (Mary and Joseph)

4. man and woman equal and differentiated in generation